

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Customer No. 21839



Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 09/716,258 filed on November 21, 2000, for SHEET POLARIZER, OPTICAL FILM, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SHEET POLARIZERS, by the following named inventor(s):

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☐ Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

- (a) Full Name _____
- (b) Full Name _____
- (c) Full Name _____

☐ This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

- (a) Full Name _____
- (b) Full Name _____
- (c) Full Name _____

- [X] Applicants suggest Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and/or patent.
- [X] Applicants request that the published application include the following assignment information: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD., 210, Nakanuma, Minami Ashigara-shi, Kanagawa, JAPAN.
1. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. 09/716,258 as originally filed on November 21, 2000, including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.
 2. [] Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
 3. [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 4. [X] The filing fee is calculated below [X] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$750.00 (1001)
Total Claims	14	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					\$280.00
Total Application Fee					\$1,030.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$_ if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$1,030.00

5. [] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
6. [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
7. [X] A check in the amount of \$ 1,030.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
8. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

9. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
10. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ Priority of Application No. Hei. 11-331569 filed on November 22, 1999 in Japan, Application No. 2000-098570, filed on March 31, 2000 in Japan, and Application No. 2000-154877, filed on May 25, 2000 in Japan (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☒ The certified copies of the priority applications
- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☒ were filed on February 23, 2001 in prior Application No. 09/716,258, filed on November 21, 2000, and acknowledged by the Examiner on March 27, 2002.
- ☐ has not yet been filed.
12. ☒ The specification has been amended in the attached Preliminary Amendment by inserting before the first line the sentence:
- ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional of Application No. 09/716,258, filed November 21, 2000.--.
- ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional of U.S. Application No. __, filed on __, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. __ filed on __.--.
- ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional of U.S. Application No. __, filed on __, which was a continuation of International Application No. __, filed on __.--.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
15. ☐ A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.
16. ☐ Also enclosed _.
17. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Platon N. Mandros, Reg. No. 22,124, and all attorneys of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P..
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Recognize as Associate Attorney Roger H. Lee, Reg. No. 46,317.

- d. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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☐ attorney or agent of record
☒ filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a)